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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Admiral Taylor

1. On 26 October Mr. Chapman, [] and I briefed Admiral Taylor and his aides Smith and McManus on the ORD program. The briefing lasted two hours and fifteen minutes. It covered approximately fourteen of the major programs in ORD. It is my impression that Admiral Taylor was very much interested in the substance of the briefing and was aware of some but not all of the projects. He asked unusually intelligent questions about those programs with which he was not completely familiar.

2. With respect to the Life Sciences, it turns out that he was the Admiral Taylor who was involved in the Moss Committee hearings and indicated in the course of our discussion that he felt much as we did about investigating the validity and reliability of the polygraph. He showed particular interest in the possible value of the EEG. On the animal studies, he wanted to know whether [] people were aware of OXYGAS. I indicated that they were not but that Frosh and Admiral Gayler were aware of it and that we had been asked [] He was particularly interested in the [] of the dolphin, so I left a copy of the OXYGAS briefing book with him. He was interested in [] and also the bird program. I gave him a brief rundown on our situation with respect to [] He felt that a program to further define this area was essential and offered his assistance in backing it with the caveat that it would depend upon the funds. However, he

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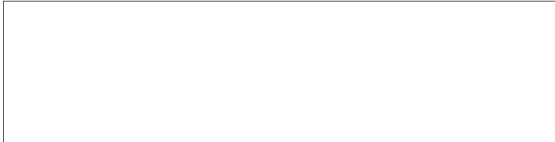
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agreed that we should separate the problem from the funds first. He was particularly interested in some material which he has read on territoriality and aggression. I told him I would send him a copy of "King Solomon's Ring" by Konrad Lorenz.

3. In summary, I felt that Admiral Taylor absorbed an unusual amount of material rather rapidly and has a broad philosophical background. As a result, I would assume that he will be able to play a helpful role in translating ORD problems to the front office.


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